

## Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

### 2017 Study Items

Issue	Sponsor	Background	Tentative Interim Meeting Date
<b>Local government enforcement mechanisms</b>	Thatcher	Study several components related to local government penalties and enforcement, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do state laws and local ordinances compare and interact with each other, i.e., how are penalties for violations established and enforced?</li> <li>What revenue is generated when a municipality enforces a local law verses a state law?</li> <li>How are attorneys provided for people who can't afford them and how do local governments pay for that?</li> <li>How do local governments enforce the collection of fines related to penalties charged?</li> </ul>	May
<b>Lien powers granted to local governing bodies</b>	Webb	Study the ability of various local governing bodies to place liens on private property.	May
<b>Encroachment issues regarding municipalities and local/special service districts</b>	Webb	This draft legislation was the result of the committee's review of "A Performance Audit of Culinary Water Improvement Districts." The committee opened the bill file; however, consensus could not be reached before/during the General Session and so the bill was never numbered.	May
<b>Removal of local elected officials</b>	Chavez-Hauck	HB 364 attempted to establish a process for removing a local elected official from office due to mental incapacity.	June
<b>Animal shelters:</b>			June
<b>a) Information disclosure</b>	a) King	HB 421 attempted to address the issue of disclosure by requiring an animal shelter to publish certain information about the animals in custody and maintain that information for a certain time period.	
<b>b) Euthanasia methods</b>	b) Knudson	SB 56 attempted to address the methods by which an animal shelter may euthanize an animal and require an animal shelter to adopt a euthanasia policy and training program.	
<b>Failure of septic systems and water quality</b>	Van Tassell	There are areas where old septic systems are failing and contaminating ground water. SB 205 would have allowed local governments to create a special assessment area around septic systems to finance the repair/replacement of failed septic systems.	June

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<b>Municipal sewer treatment plants</b>	Millner	Study funding options for state assistance when federal government changes regulations for sewer treatment plants.	August
<b>Political Subdivisions Ethics Commission Review</b>	Bramble	Now that the Commission has completed its first hearing, are any changes warranted regarding the investigation, hearing, or compensation processes?	November
<b>Disposing of property for less than fair market value</b>	Sagers, Handy	HB 436 would have authorized a county to dispose of property for less than fair market value under certain circumstances. Also, Rep. Handy's HB 290 (listed above) would have authorized a local government to sell/lease property to a Community Reinvestment Agency for less than fair market value.	August
<b>Free expression regulation by local government</b>	Thurston	HB 298 would have required a political subdivision to impose any restriction on expressive activity by ordinance.	August
<b>Tax increment financing</b>	Fillmore, Stephenson	Both bills attempted to address what is considered tax increment and sought to exclude, in different ways, tax increment generated by school districts.	September
<b>Community Reinvestment Agency Act – technical changes</b>	Handy	HB 290 was a cleanup bill that would have made technical changes to the Community Reinvestment Agency Act.	September